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SUBJ: REFUGEES RESCUED BY THE COMMODORE

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1. THE COMMODORE, A PHILIPPINE-REGISTERED TUG BOAT OF JAPANESE OWNERSHIP RESCUED 14 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON THE HIGH SEAS AND ARRIVED IN BANGKOK AUGUST 26.

2. THE UNHCR TOOK BIO DATA ON THE REFUGEES AUGUST 28 AND APPEALED TO SEVERAL EMBASSIES TO ACCEPT THEM FOR RESETTLEMENT. THE UNHCR WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY THIRD-COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT GUARANTEES IN ORDER TO MEET AN RTG DEMAND THAT THE REFUGEES DEPART THAILAND WITHIN 30 DAYS.

3. IN THE ABSENCE OF FIRM 30-DAY MOVEMENT GUARANTEES, THE RTG INITIALLY REFUSED PERMISSION FOR THE REFUGEES TO LAND IN THAILAND. UNHCR/BANGKOK WAS CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO
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PRESS THE ISSUE FURTHER WITH THE RTG WHEN THE CAPTAIN OF THE TUG DECIDED TO DEPART FOR MANILA ON AUGUST 30 WITH THE REFUGEES STILL ABOARD.

4. THE REFUGEES ABOARD ARE:
- NAME NUMBER IN FAMILY LRP CATEGORY

A. PHAM VAN CHUNG 2 CATEGORY II

B. VO VAN TAN 1 CATEGORY III

C. DUONG VAN RON 2 CATEGORY III

D. LA VAN HAI 1 CATEGORY IV

E. LONG LA THANH 2 CATEGORY IV

F. DUONG VAN THONG 1 CATEGORY IV

WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY MANILA CONTACT UNHCR/MANILA AND EXPLAIN LRP PROCEDURES FOR THE CATEGORIES OF REFUGEES ABOARD.

5. ALTHOUGH FIVE OF THE REFUGEES ON BOARD THE TUG APPEARED TO FIT LRP CATEGORIES II-III, WE COULD NOT GIVE AN ADVANCE GUARANTEE TO THE UNHCR THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE REFUGEES. THE UNHCR WAS NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY COMMITMENTS FROM OTHER TRADITIONAL ACCEPTORS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES HERE. BY SEPTEL WE WILL REPORT ON THE PROBLEM OF RTG INSISTENCE ON A 30-DAY TIME LIMIT ON GUARANTEES OF RESETTLEMENT. ABRAMOWITZ

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